

SENATE BILL 645

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and
Title 40, relative to voter fraud.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-107, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) When any person is convicted of a violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2), in addition to any other punishment that may be imposed for the offense, the court shall impose a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The additional fine shall be paid to the clerk of the court imposing sentence, who shall transfer it to the state treasurer, who shall deposit the fine in the reward pool fund, created by § 40-8-105.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A reward of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be awarded to any person whose report of voter fraud through the state election coordinator's voter fraud hotline leads to a conviction. If more than one person reports the same incident of voter fraud, the reward shall be divided and equally distributed to each person.

(b) The reward awarded pursuant to subsection (a) shall be paid from the reward pool fund, created by § 40-8-105.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-8-105, is amended by deleting the language:

The governor shall have the sole discretion to determine if and how much of the fund shall be offered in a particular criminal case.

and substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in Section 2, the governor shall have the sole discretion to determine if and how much of the fund shall be offered in a particular criminal case.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.